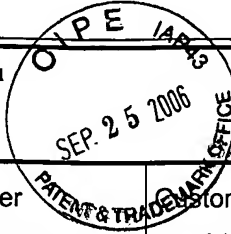


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
PNL21311A

In Re Application Of: Louis V. Kirchhoff and Keiko Otsu



Application No. 10/726,692	Filing Date Dec. 4, 2003	Examiner Albert M. Navarro	Customer No. 24257	Group Art Unit 1645	Confirmation No. 5808
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Invention: **RECOMBINANT POLYPEPTIDES FOR DIAGNOSING INFECTION WITH TRYPANOSOMA CRUZI**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of May 24, 2006 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☒ One month    ☐ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: August 24, 2006 until: September 25, 2006  
*Date* *Date*

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

☐ The fee for the extension of time is \$60 and is to be paid as follows:

☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-4375

☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-4375

☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

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